the Thal plant of Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (RCF) suffered a loss of Rs. 24.35 crores (provisional) during 1986-87.

(b) The loss was mainly because the plant could not achieve the desired level of capacity utilisation on a sustained basis due to equipment problems, accumulation of stocks of fertilizers on account of unfavourable weather conditions and price discounts offered by RCF to clear the stocks. The company is taking steps for repair/replacement of equipment to improve capacity utilisation and achieve efficiency in consumption levels. To facilitate clearance of accumulated stocks, it has been decided not to import urea and DAP in the first half of 1987-88; imports during the second half will be restricted to meeting unavoidable international commitments. Also imported stocks will not be released for distribution so long as adequate indigenous stocks are available as far as possible.

Fair price shops and branch or Super Bazar in the Vasant Vihar

2240. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision has been taken in the matter of opening of Fair Price Shops and branch of Super Bazar in the Government colony, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the decision is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No decision has been taken to open a fair price shop or a branch of Super Bazar in Government Colony, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi.

(b) and (c) Question do not arise.

Eligibility for crop insurance scheme

2241. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the minimum acre of land that a farmer should hold to become eligible for Crop Insurance Scheme;

(b) whether farmers holding five acres of land or less are also eligible for Crop Insurance Scheme;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government are taking to cover such farmers of the country under the Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) There is no eligibility criterion as to the size of land holding for participating in the Crop Insurance. All farmers availing of crop loans from Cooperative Credit Institutions, Commercial Banks and Regional Rural Banks for raising crops of wheat, paddy, millets, oilseeds and pulses in the 'defined area(s) are covered under the Scheme.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Farmers having holding of 5 acres or less are already covered under the Scheme.

Allotment of Plots to successful Bidders in Nehru Pace, New Delhi

2242. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether stay granted by courts on the matter of allotment of plots to successful bidders in Nehru Place, New Delhi who purchased the plots in an auction in April, 1986 has since been vacated and possession of plots given to bidders; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) if not, what are the steps Government have taken to have the stay vacated;